

Environmental work in the Ninemile Creek watershed continues. Last year, workers finished constructing a **Waste Consolidation Area** high up in the canyon. The WCA is now taking in waste from the cleanup of the old Interstate Callahan Mine rock dumps. In 2014, about 160,000 cubic yards of contaminated material from that cleanup went into the WCA. This year, more contaminated materials from the cleanup will go to the WCA. Workers will also restore the streambed to its natural channel. Interstate Callahan cleanup will be complete in 2015. Next year, cleanup at the Success Mine Complex will begin. About 405,000 cubic yards of waste will be removed between 2016 and 2019. The waste will be placed in the WCA.



*The new Waste Consolidation Area helps control sources of contamination.*

The Ninemile Creek watershed is a priority for cleanup because it has scores of old mine and mill sites. Those sites are releasing dissolved zinc and other metals like lead into the stream and groundwater. Over time, waste from over a dozen mine sites will go into the WCA. Moving contaminated waste from several sites into one smaller, managed location helps us control those sources of contamination. The WCA is engineered to help prevent contaminants from moving off-site. The work protects the environment and the health of people who recreate in the area and those that live downstream.

The work is being done by the CDA Work Trust and its contractors, under the direction of the EPA.

During construction seasons, there will be restrictions on recreating in some areas. For safety, ATV users, hikers, and other recreationalists will not be able to access the active construction area.



*Historical photo of Interstate Callahan Mine.*


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